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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Timothy M. JOHNS et al.)
Application Serial No.: 10/781,629) Group Art Unit: 3611
Filed: February 20, 2004) Examiner: Yeagley, Daniel S.
For: LIFTING SYSTEMS AN) Confirmation No.: 4131
METHODS FOR USE WITH A)
HITCH MECHANISM)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 11, 2006, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.